

REMARKS

1. Summary of Office Action Mailed November 17, 2004

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. In the November 17, 2004 office action, the Examiner (i) objected to certain informalities in the specification and claims; and (ii) made nonstatutory double-patenting rejections of all pending claims (1-20).

2. Summary of Applicants' Response

In this response to the November 17, 2004 office action, Applicant (i) corrects the objected-to informalities in the specification and claims, in accordance with the Examiner's direction; (ii) submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome the Examiner's nonstatutory double-patenting rejections of claims 1-20; and (iii) makes certain amendments to the specification and all pending claims for clarity and consistency, placing all claims in condition for allowance.

3. Response to Examiner's Objections to the Specification and Claims

In the November 17, 2004 office action, the Examiner objected to certain informalities in the specification and claims. With respect to both the specification and claims, Applicant herein amends the specification and claims to address the Examiner's objections, as well as to make other amendments for clarity and consistency. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objections to the specification and claims be withdrawn.

4. Response to the Examiner's Double-Patenting Rejections

In the November 17, 2004 office action, the Examiner made nonstatutory double-patenting rejections of all pending claims (1-20) on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,623 to Lee et al. In response, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer, and thus respectfully requests that the Examiner's nonstatutory double-patenting rejections of claims 1-20 be withdrawn.


5. Conclusion

Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's attorney, Robert Irvine, at his direct dial number of 312-913-3305.

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